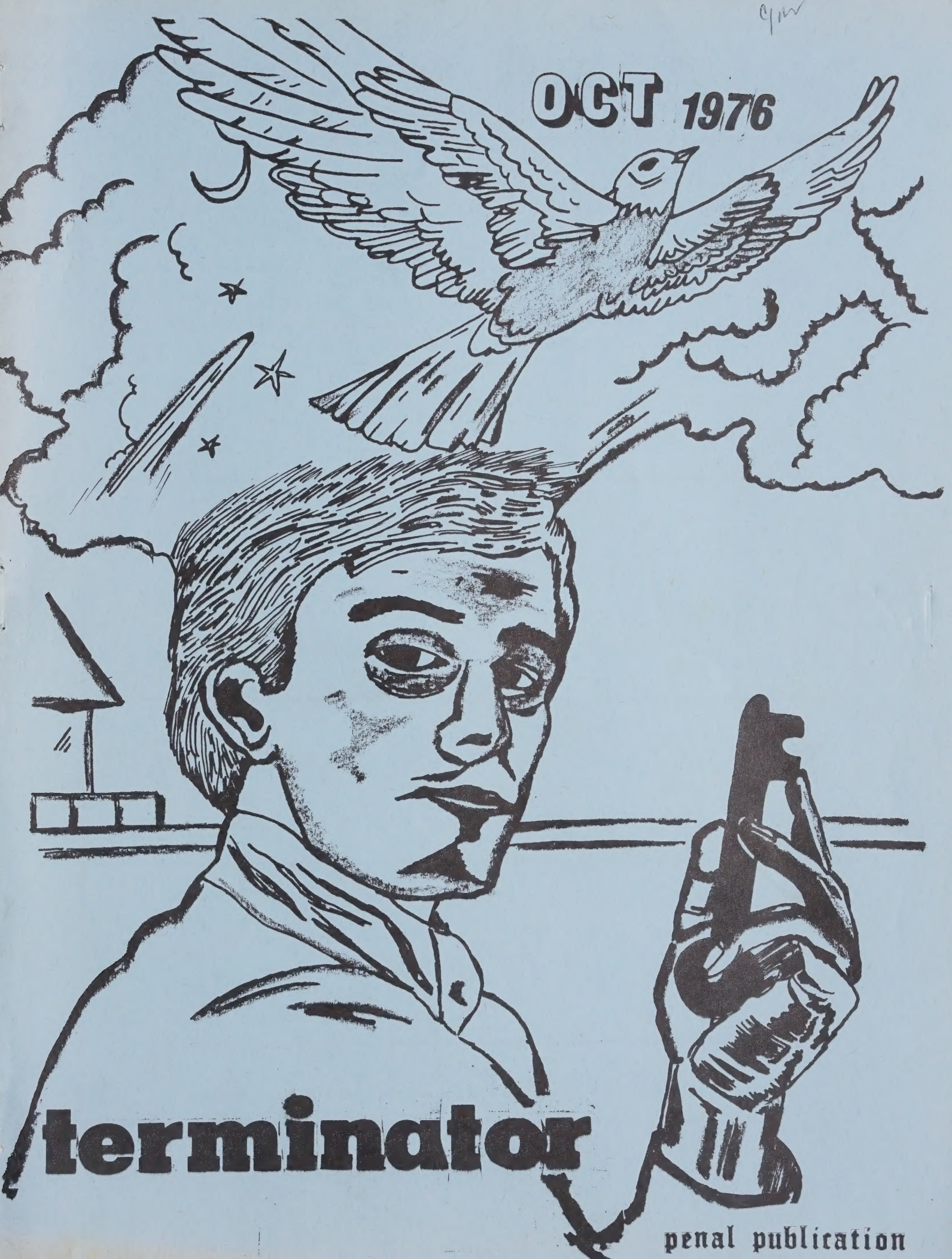
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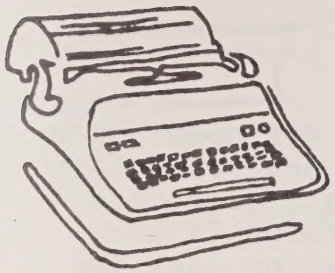

Editorial

LU PROGRAM

Several weeks ago the Inmate Welfare Committee began its proposed weekly meetings with the Living Unit staff. Present at the first meeting were Mr.Drahoe, Mr.Lott, Mr.Wolfreys and Mr.Ford of the LU II staff.

One of the first questions asked of the LUs was,"Could the LU staff give us some indication as to what extent the LU program is going to go; and as of now, how far are we into "Phase III" and what can be done to alleviate the communication gap between some of the inmates and staff."

Mr.Lott was first to begin answering the questions, however he just touched on the basics as did the other LU members. Steps are being taken to eradicate much of the dissention within the prison which will eventually bring about a more tention-free atmosphere.

One must not forget the work projects that are and will be going on in the near future and how this will interfere somewhat with the hastening of the LU program.

But all in all it seems that the LU staff are quite open-minded to the situation that we now find ourselves in, here at Stony Mountain.

Our second meeting was on Sept.29. In attendance were Mr.Lott, Mr.Doyle, Mr.Swenson and Mr.Kynar of the LU staff. All I.W.C. members were present.

Several issues were brought to the LU staff's attention one being the setting up of a Citizens Advisory Committee. Rumour has it that a C.A.C. is in fact at this time being devised by concerned parties in the administration, but solely for socialization purposes. This does seem to be a step in the right direction.

Since the LU program is supposedly supposed to be quite a large change from the "old system", many ideas, concepts, rules and regulations will be changed and the I.W.C. will be working with the LU staff on possible alternatives to the - either changing some old rules or completely doing away with many of them. We were also told that each LU II that is in charge of his Unit will organize it as he wishes, irregardless of what the other Living Units may have implemented. In other words, each does not have to follow suit of the other.

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L.U. Program cont'd.

The third meeting with the LUs was on Oct.12 which was just prior to when this issue was supposed to be published, but due to several delays we are already into the month of November. Several issues were discussed at this meeting and emphasis was again put on the C.A.C. Apparently the LU staff and its union would like to see a C.A.C set up, however they are fearful of the possibilities of it getting out of hand such as in the B.C.P. case several weeks ago.

If the administration are in fact taking steps toward implementing such a committee solely on the basis of socialization projects then there should be no problem. I'm sure though, that if a member of the C.A.C. does bring to the administration's attention a discrepancy in a rule or regulation then possibly steps will be taken to rectify the problem. Obviously everyone supports changes in rules or laws that are unjust.

Our next meeting with the LU staff will be this month sometime and we should then get some feedback from our last questions put to them which will probably appear in the next issue. *NOTE: this editorial is a revised copy of the original.

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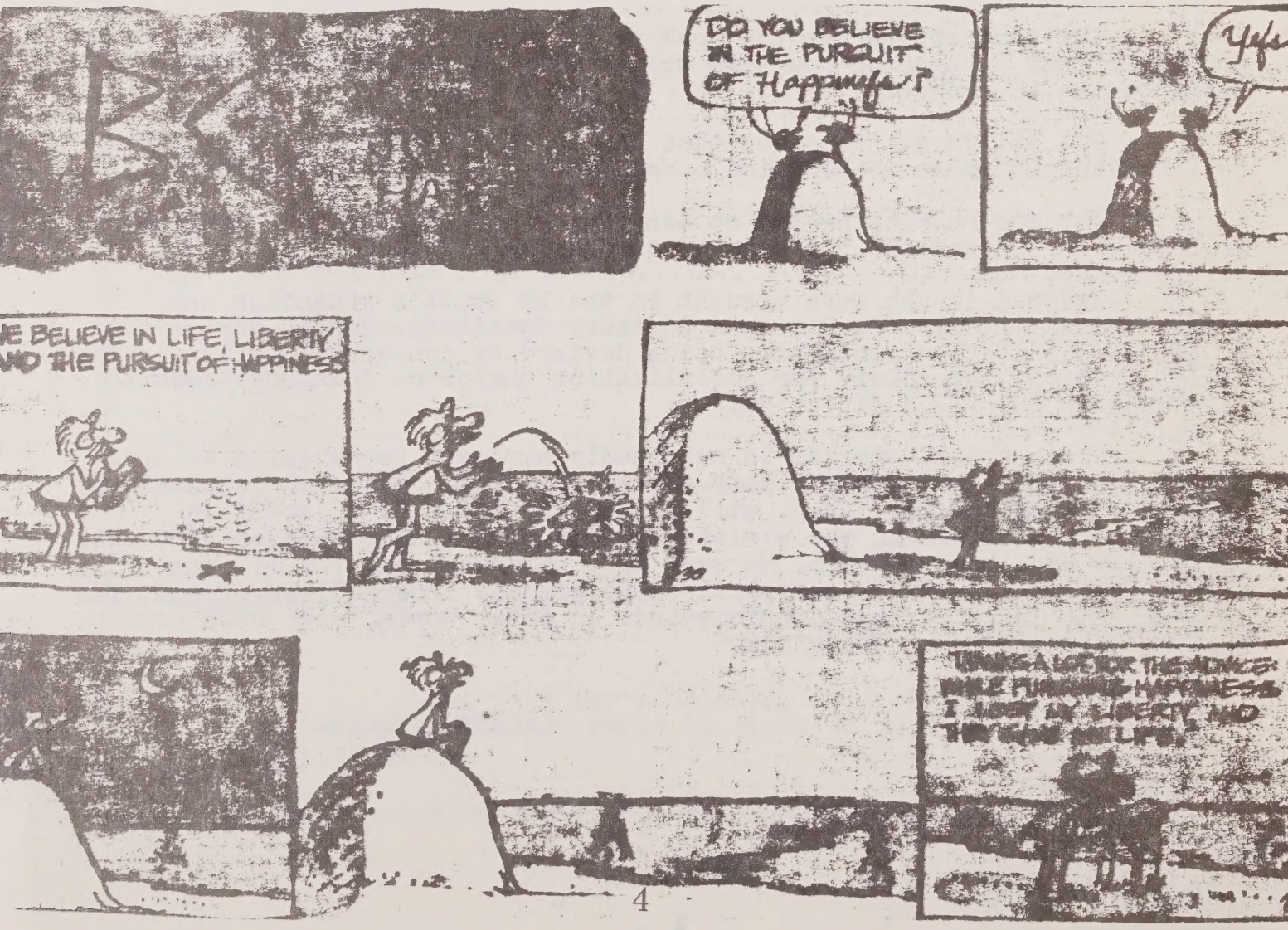

LIFE SKILLS

The Social Development Department has received approval from Reginal Headquarters to conduct a Life Skills course for inmates on a 4 month trial basis. A Life Skills coach from the Oo-Ea-We-Kwun Center in Rivers Man. will conduct the course.

Life Skills is a systematic approach to assisting people in learning how to get along with themselves and others in a responsible and constructive manner. By way of a group setting (10 - 15 people), each participant has the opportunity to learn what social skills he has, how to use these skills effectively and what weakness he has that interferes with his interacting with other people. The positive feature of the Life Skills Course is that it does not leave the learning process to chance, but it is divided into several exercises that are designed specifically to work in the kinds of problems a person often has and experiences in social settings.

The course will run for a four month period of half days. The most important part is the initial period during which the group members learn "survival skills" so as to understand something about the way each member feels, thinks and acts within the group structure. Once this is accomplished the exercises are related to other areas of concern, such as how to relate to the family, how to use leisure time effectively, positive approach to dealing with employment expectations and with the community.

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LIFE SKILLS cont'd...

In our institution, the inmates will be placed in a work setting for the remainder of the day as this provides the opportunity to continue using the newly acquired social skills in a constructive manner.

Life Skills is not the total answer to ones problems, but it hopefully can be one more tool that a person can use to improve his ability to cope with life.

Contributed by: Mr.A. Hicky
Acting Head of Social Dev.

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Memo to Population

The Arts & Culture Department is temporarily located in Trailor #2 until the end of November. It would be appreciated if those wishing to deal with this department please do so via written request form and a pass will be issued. This is only TEMPORARY until a better system can be arranged.

Sup./ Arts & Culture/
Joe Petzold

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Dear Sir or Madam:

We, the editing staff of the Terminator, strongly feel that there is a misrepresentation of inmates and the problems that they face, once they become involved with the Canadian Penitentiary Service.

It is our intention to bring to light the problems that inmates encounter, not only from an inmate's point of view, but also from the opinions of people who are genuinely concerned with our plight.

It is hard for the public to comprehend the many obstacles that we must overcome through our stay in gaol. The reason for our detention is that we broke the rules of society, and now we must pay for our actions. This fact we accept without any qualms.

We seek your aid through financial support and in turn we will respond by advertising your products, so that we, the inmates of Stony Mountain, can publish a paper that is worthy of your appreciation.

Our paper will be designed to bring to you the final TRUTH about prisons, prisoners, and society.

We intend to be a politically oriented paper in search of justice and a solution towards this stupendous problem of crime. Our paper will be a common link between you the public, and the inmates of Stny.Mtn.Pen. There is a need for the truth to surface and it must start somewhere.

We remain respectfully,
The Editorial Staff

The Colonel ..... Dennis Schellenberg

Col. Samuel Bedson, first Warden of Stony Mtn., Pen., has gone down in history as a kindly man, strict but just,who could handle the most intractable prisoners and could train all kinds of wild animals in his private zoo, but never the buffalo he owned.

Samuel Lawrence Bedson, was born in 1849 in Montreal,son of an army officer. He came west with the Wolsley expedition of 1870 and later that year was put in charge of the prison at Lower Fort Garry , which still stands near Selkirk today. When the Dominion of Canada established a penitentiary there in 1871, Bedson became first Warden. He later chose the site for Stony Mountain Pen., and when it was ready for occupancy in 1877,he continued to be in charge.

Warden Bedson soon gained a reputation as a man with an understanding heart, firm but fair,with the inmates, concerned with their welfare,with that of his staff and of the settlers of the district.He took a keen interest in sports and held prominent positions in many athletic organizations.He kept the prisoners out of mischief for a time, by having them construct a six hole golf course, and a curling rink near the prison. People came from far and near to enjoy the game.

Col.Bedson was married, had four children, two girls and two boys. He also enjoyed good food and on occasion,good whiskey.Playing his flute, he was the life of many a party. Once he held a posh dinner party for some noted guests,including two judges. There was even a butler, properly dressed and obviously well trained. All went well until one of the judges recognized the "butler" as a man he had recently sentenced to several years, for armed robbery.But, the prisoner was soon back in the cell block and the unruffled host continued with the party.The judge's feeling as he tasted dish after dish was not recorded.

Apparently Col. Bedson had a zoo near where the Warden's house is today. It contained many animals which were, wolves, cayotes,foxes, two skunks, moose, deer and of course buffalo. Hmm, I often wonder if this is the origin of two of our meals here now, Buffalo Bones or Buffalo Burgers, and that old saying,"you old Buffalo....."

Col. Bedson left the penitentiary in 1891. He died in Ottawa on July 17th, 1891.

Stony Mountain Penitentiary is just as historical to the provence and people of Manitoba from 1870 to the present day, because it contains tales of misery,happiness humour and how prisoners survived the daily routine. Stony Mountain, was also used by the Indians of this region for religious cerimonies prior to the white man coming and settling in Fort Garry and Red River Settlement.

* This short story was printed in the Wpg. Free press in the late 1870's and put into book form by Edith Paterson of the present Free Press called "Tales of Early Manitoba.

The First Report

.... Dennis Schellenberg

This is a copy of the first official report sent to Ottawa by Warden Lt. Col. S.L. Bedson on September 30th, 1877.

Whereas of the 31st day of December, 1876, there were fifteen (15) convicts, of which three (3) were females or "lunatics".

From Jan.1st 1877 to June 30th 1877, there were eight (8) persons admitted to the Manitoba Penitentiary of which:

5 were white
1 Half breed
2 Indians

Marital Status:
6 were single
2 married

Education:
5 could read and write English
3 couldn't read & write English

Occupations:
3 carpenters
3 labourers
1 cook
1 school teacher

Racial Origin:
2 English
1 Irish
1 Scotch
3 Canadian
1 American

Crimes Committed:
1 Felony
1 Forgerey
1 Larceny
1 Shooting with Intent
2 Court Martial

Sentences:
6 to two (2) years
2 to court martial

Reported to Ottawa of convicts' behaviour from Jan.1st, 1877 to June 30th, 1877.

Offences Committed:
1 speaking to another convict
5 disrespect to officers
1 signs to other convicts
2 inattention at work
1 destroying government property
4 petty offences
1 hesitation to obey an officer
4 Corporal punishment (lashes)
19 total offences
33 various other offences
plus: no attempted escapes or escapes

Staff salaries of 1877.

Warden	$1400.00 per year
Chief Keeper	$ 680.00
Guards (4)	$ 480.00 each
Cook	$ 480.00
Messenger	$ 280.00

Total operating expenses for the Manitoba Pen. for the year 1877.

$21,000.00

THE BOB SHEWRING TOASTMASTER CLUB

The Bob Shewring Toastmasters, Club # 1016, is, once again, on the march. We have the honour of hosting the 1976 Area II Tall Tales Humourous Speech Contest.

Representing the home club is none other than the past Area II and District Contest Winner, Brent Tony Stoner, ATM. We know that he'll do a great job for Club 1016; as always.

We have also begun a speechcraft course. Through the co-operation of the Indian Metis Brotherhood Organization, we will host a course on their behalf. The course is being co-ordinated by our president, Dennis Schellenburg.

Our club intends to win the highest honours for District 64 this year. We have been running second and third for the past three years but, have never quite made it. We beleive that this will be our year and that we will have the highest honours in the district. We are already in the Toastmaster Hall of Fame in the good ole climate of Santa Ana, California, but it never hurts to hit that honour on a regular basis.

Toastmasters, for those of you who are not aware, are a group designed for better listening, speaking, and thinking. It also teaches responsibility, organization, and the finer points of proceedures and critical analyzation.

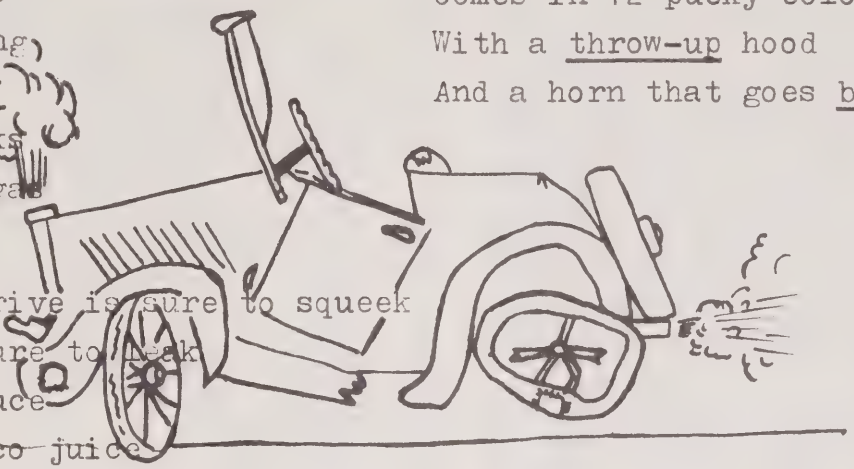
Club 1016 is one of three Toastmasters clubs in a Canadian Penitentiary; the first of the three. We are a club that is presently 28 members strong. We are growing. We are on the move. We have room yet, for twelve more members.

We meet in the reception centre each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. Coffee is served. Fellowship warms your soul. And the speaches and the topics warm your mind. It is a totally stimulating evening. Drop in sometime. For any information concerning our club, contact Dennis Schellenberg or Bob Tilden.

Hoping to see you there!

FOR SALE

One Ford car with a piston ring
Two rear wheels
One front spring
Got no fenders
Use cedar planks
Burns lots of gas
Hard to crank



Differential drive is sure to squeek
Rear axle is sure to leak
Runs like a deuce
Runs on tobbacco juice
A real suckers dream - also equipped with a free roll of tape to hold it together - and a tube kit which consists of a package of bandages. PRICE: One Dollar (Three eighty Newfie Money)

FOR SALE

The brand new "Sickling" car.
Comes in 12 pucky colors.
With a throw-up hood
And a horn that goes blat.

FOR SALE USED ONLY ONCE! GREAT CONVERSATION PIECE

The original MAFIA PIECE from Newfoundland!!!
Holds six (6) shots and still contains five (5) original bullets!!!

THE N E W F I E 38 POLICE MODEL

TOUCH OF INTROSPECTION

.....James D. Campbell

When a man writes poems, there is a personal style that belongs solely to the writer. Here,more so than in any other style of writing we see deep psychic expression. Perhaps this is why I have chosen to write poetry instead of exploring other areas. There is so much freedom allowed in writing poems and above all it has and always will be my best method of communication.

Poets play with words and one is often left wondering if what he read is really what the poet is trying to say, or is there some obscure meaning to his message. It could be said that people could look to poetry for a psychological analysis of life's meaning. This may sound slightly abstract, but when one studies the different works by a number of poets you will see the correlation.

A lot of my poems have been written while I was in a deep state of depression. I choose to write at this time, for only then is there absolute truth. Now you might ask yourself, what is this man trying to say. What I am trying to put forth is that man needs to protect himself from criticism. However, when I am depressed, I write as I feel and do not censor my thoughts. It seems that man is too busy protecting his image than getting right to the grassroots of life. I cannot criticize people for this for I'm as guilty of this as the next man.This's why I write poems. If we could allow ourselves to be totally free, I think that our world would be alot better off.

The poet in the past has played a very important role in history, as it was this man who travelled around the world spreading the news in lyric form. He portrayed the different life styles that people lived by, what great events had happened, and thus he brought the many nations closer together. Today we read of people such as Leonard Cohen, Allan Ginsberg, Bob Dylan and countless others who in their style of writing portray life as it is lived today. Some we consider very radical but still we read what they have to say and analyze their writings. Our criticism might be very harsh, but still these poets survive. They continue to write as they feel and not how society thinks we should write. Thank god for their understanding of freedom and their courage to be free.

How I wish that I did not have to resort to depression in order to write as I feel,but I have been unable to escape this unfortunate hang-up and I can only contribute this to the way our western culture indoctrinates us at a very early age. We are brainwashed into thinking someone elses thoughts and not our own.It is very hard to escape from this way of life and it takes an awful lot of perseverence and courage. I truly doubt , that it can be done, but never-the less I must try and try.

Poetry I think, is a common bond for all people, for in each one of us there is an urge to be totally free and wether we admit this to ourselves or not, the fact still remains. Perhaps you might

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look at this as escapism, but I certainly hope not.

In this harsh world there are very few sanctuaries left to man and it seems that the need is growing stronger in man for a little PEACE,and is this not his just reward.Life is a constant struggle for survival and the minute we close our eyes to this fact we could become very dead.Take a look about you and notice all the confusion that exists on this world of ours.Where the HELL does it all come from and is there no end to it all. The realities of life are indeed very frightening, and why?? I need my poetry as much as I need air to breath.This may sound a bit dramatic, but poetry is one of the few pleasures that I have left in life, and I will give this up for no one. I may be called a dreamer but at least I can be considered something in this cold world of ours.

So in conclusion to all this I would like to add that I will continue to write poetry and hope that it offers some insight into the kind of headspace I was in. Well this is why I have chosen to let poetry occupy so much of my time. It offers a comfort that no other human being could replace. I hope that I have made some sense and that there are those who can profit from what I've written.

Women In Prison

"Money talks, bullshit walks. If you're a Kennedy and you get busted for dope, you never do no time. If you're the President of the United States, you can murder millions of people in Asia, you never do no time.If you're a politician, you can cheat and conspire and steal money, you never do no time. I've watched about 17 women go out of here after serving time for snuffing their babies, while hypes (drug addicts) still sit here. Society condones guns, but not addicts. I'm here for selling two nickel bags, yet the government is giving GIs whites to keep 'em up and reds to put 'em to sleep and getting them addicted so they can keep fighting.And the Army and the government ain't never taken to court or locked up. There's a lot of contradictions----you know, a double standard. If you're a corporation,you can fix prises and rip folks off every day, you never do no time. Me,I'm a hype, I sold two nickel bags and I'm doing life, baby, a day at a time. I already been here three years...and you know that's like three lifetimes of psychological warfare.They call me a criminal. I ain't no corporation,so I'm a criminal I'd like to ask, just where are the real criminals?"

—Mary, an inmate at California Institution for Women

Excerpt from Women in Prison, Kathryn Watterson Burkhart, Popular Library, New York, 1976.

Entertainment

Don Ross

SKY HIGH SHOW

A Winnipeg rock trio by the name of SKY HIGH were in behind the walls to do a show on Sept. 19th. A solid hour and a half of good middle of the road rock was played loud and tight.Led by drummer Mitch McLean the group consists of Roger Colpitts, bass guitar and lead vocals plus Mark Rhymer on lead guitar,piano,and string ensemble,plus lead vocals.All three members sing lead and harmony,a rare occurance for a trio.They have been playing around Winnipeg for about 14 months now doing mostly "one nighters" and a few lounge gigs.Some of their better numbers were "Dreamer" by Supertramp and "Sail on Sailor" by the Beach Boys.They have a good variety in their sound due to the addition of the strings and the piano.All in all they were well recieved by those who attended and I don't think anyone would mind if they came back to do it again.....

Jay Cees SOCIAL

The Stony Mountain Jay Cees held a social in the Old Chapel on August 28.A hefty sum of money had been raised with a Walkathon.Bob Fehr,Tony Stoner, and a few other inmates did a lot of walking to help raise money.A buffet supper was enjoyed by everyone and their guests.The dance music was provided by onr of the newer groups in here Ridin' High.The Stony Mountain Jay Cees are to be credited with doing alot of worthwhile work in here.

KIDDIE'S SOCIAL

September 12th was the day of a Kiddie social which was held in the Gym and the outside patio.A couple of inmate clowns were dragged to exhaustion during the three hour social.Hot dogs and french fries were served along with ice cream and candy for the kids. Some Walt Disney cartoons were ran off for the kiddies towards the end of the social.Everyone seemed to have alot of fun.

I.M.B.O social

A big social was held by the Indian Metis Brotherhood Organization on September 26th. All the tables were set up in a way to leave the middle of the gym clear for Ceremonial Dancing.Both singers and dancers took part in the performance.When you see all these men dressed in full regalia it is really impressive to watch.Cordial and snacks were served. The dance music was provided by two inside bands.These were Ridin' High and Blackjack.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee is now in the process of organizing various activities for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. As noted in the movie schedule, in this issue, there will be quite a few extra shows over the holiday season. In addition to this, there will be the usual Xmas goodie bags, sports tournaments and a bingo.

Entertainment wise, we are making arrangements for a country-rock group called "Listen Hear" to come in and do a show. Sometime in the latter part of November. Also in the works for early December is a possible appearance of MacLean & MacLean a well know folk-rock duo with an album out called "Toil et Rock". They are currently working out of Toronto and will be in Winnipeg for the first two weeks in December.

The committee will be cutting back on types of food served at future socials. The exspense has been getting out of hand and there is just not enough in the budget. Also there has been alot of wastage. Thats about all for this month.

STRINGS & THINGS

A CANDID LOOK AT THE MUSIC PROGRAM IN STONY.....(This is funny stuff)

SCROOGE (Heavy Metal)	NUMBER	STATUS	COMMENT
Ezako	1281	Starting to peel	Won't audition for anybody.
Derkach	2770	Dry enough for T.A.'s	Trower Power.
Zillman	2997	Almost dry	Power period.
Ruggles	2639	Re-issue	Return engagement.
Braunberger	1429	Re-issue	Brought back by popular demand.

BLACKJACK(MOR)			
Parisien	1797	Very dry	What can we say????
Parisien	2558	Dry	Strictly "Teenybopper
Tymchak	3053	Sopping wet	Great voice..grates on us all...
Musak	3036	Wet number	Can be heard in busy office buildings
Isgard	3058	New number	He's long and tall....

RIDIN' HIGH (Country-Rock)			
Ross	3031	Still wet	Too old to rock and roll.
Brown	3039	Still dripping	Dozes off during guitar solos.
Isfeld	2916	A little tacky	His ax looks like Raven copy.
Zillman	2997	Drying	Led Zillman..oops..Zeppelin.
Fehr	1523	Dusty dry	Outstanding in his field..That's where we found him...out standing in a field...
Rupert	2787	Dry	...A suspicious mind..cuddles teddy bears..
Johnston	2246	Re-issue	Still looking for a place to practice.
Breland	2217	Fading away	What's he playing this week????

By Tony Mystery.

NOTE: Writer of above has Black Belt in "Kant Fighto".
His hands are registered with Jergon's Lotion.

Now under protective custody of Nick Lockumup
Nick Lockumup, Asst.(Custody)

AN EXITING ARTICLE COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE

"Strings and Things" will fill you in on.....

1. How many strings on a five string banjo.
2. How to get the most out of your Tuba.
3. FOR THE DO-IT-YOUR-SELFER
   How to wire your cell and save on batteries by Herbie the "K".

MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES

NOVEMBER 5 THEWHITE DAWN

NOVEMBER 12 PARALAX VIEW

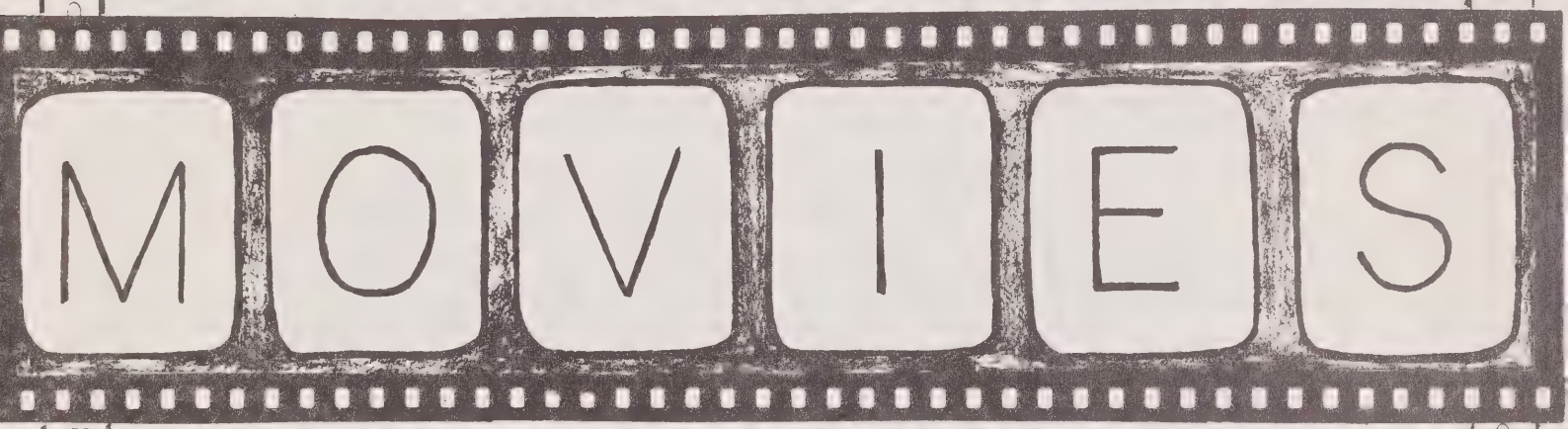
NOVEMBER 19 SHIELA LEVINE

NOVEMBER 26 SLAUGHTER

DECEMBER 3 RETURN TO MACON COUNTY

DECEMBER 10 PHANTOM OF THE PARADISE

DECEMBER 17 FISTS OF FURY



DECEMBER 24(Xmas Eve) DOUBLE FEATURE

1.THESTRANGER AND THE GUNFIGHTER
2.WHITE LINE FEVER

DECEMBER 25 (Xmas Day) LIFEGUARD

DECEMBER 26 (Boxing Day) SAVAGE SEVEN

DECEMBER 27 BOXCAR BERTHA

DECEMBER 28 FRITZ THE CAT

DECEMBER 31 (New Year's Eve) DOUBLE FEATURE

1.GAMES GIRLS PLAY
2.GAMESBOYS PLAY

MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES*MOVIES

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE EVENTS

Oct. 17 BINGO

Nov. 21 RAVALKA DANCERS

Dec. 19 KIDDIES SOCIAL

Jan. 9 ADULT SOCIAL

NOTE: The movies Return to Macon County and "Killer Force" have been switched by the distributor. Therefore, Oct. 22 will feature Killer Force.Return to Macon County will be shown Dec 3rd.

As the population will have noticed,the cordial at the movies has been discontinued.There are two reasons for this;

(1) The mess that was left after each movie increased to the point where the person cleaning the area had to do a great amount of work to clean the area.This person does this on a voluntary basis and it was abused.This could have been saved by the people turning off the urns after filling their cups rather than allow the liquid to drip on the floor.

(2) Six cannisters of cordial are made for each movie.These cannisters are placed in a location convenient for the entire population.Individuals have been taking three or four cannisters into the gym during the movie.This means that some people are not getting the cordial that they are entitled to.After the movie,we have to drag these cannisters out of the gym,and quite often,have had to dump 2 cannister worth,into the garbage.

(3) We can continue to put cordial out at the movies.However,if we do,then you must have consideration for each and every person doing time here.It costs the Inmate Welfare Committee(that means you)50.00 per month for cordial.Under the circumstances,you are throwing away about half of that. We will tey it again.If the same problems occur,then we will once again,discontinue the purchase of cordial.

The Entertainment Committee wanta to do the things that you want done. In order for us to do that,we must hear some of your suggestions and/or complaints concerning entertainment.We would like to know,for example, what passtimes you would like,that you don't presently have.We would like suggestions on how to plan social events.We would like to know what type of groups you would like to come in and play.Are you interested in drama presentations?How about more cultural groups?As long as the popu* lation remains quiet about their preferences,we can only guess and try to put ourselves in your position.The list of the Entertainment Committee members is on your bulletin board.Stop by and see one of them sometime. Other events are in the works but we don't have dates for them. They will be posted as they arise.

Ent. Comm. Chairman.

SPORTS

Sports Commissioner.....

Phil Nabess

Hello! To begin, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in the past sports of this year; in baseball, football and soccer and to congratulate the teams that won the series in their own category, which was best of five (5) games. In football the COLTS won and in soccer it was the CUBS.

Awards and trophies for most valuable players etc. will be announced at a later date, because the choice is very hard since "ALL" played extremely well.

Hockey is just around the corner and from noticing that there are alot of guys already in shape or in the process then I'd venture to say that there will be some good teams competing. I urge "ALL" to put your names down for hockey and participate, because I know that there are alot of good players in this institution who should partake in either "A" or "B" hockey as well as floor hockey, and basketball, which by the way will also be underway VERY shortly.

In closing, I remind you all that if you have any problems please feel free to see your Sports Commissioner-1405 Nabess at A-6-19 at "NO" extra charge!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Prison violence: an inside view

I cannot remain silent after listening to prison guards from B.C. and Quebec whine, snivel, and stamp their feet because they were not officially allowed to smash heads after the last two major riots.

One remark that especially made me angry came from a union head: "Guards are being injured everyday, and their lives are in extreme danger."

When was the last time a guard was injured? Quite some time ago. As to them being in danger, with the behavior I've seen on their part within the last three-and-a-half years in maximum security it's a wonder there aren't more and more serious attacks on prison employees.

All this publicity is a smokescreen to give them more power and strengthen their contract bargaining.

Beatings which usually include the squeezing of testicles, bursting of eardrums, and plenty of kidney-punches are still common in maximum security pens in this country, not to mention medical neglect, and very severe mental torture.

It's apparent that many people believe, and incredibly so, that taking away our freedom and female companionship for years on end isn't punishment enough. Find out what it's like to spend a few days in jail, then magnify that by 5,000 and you'll begin to focus on what maximum security is like.

As far as the rumor goes about these riots being a criminal conspiracy of American radicals and militant Indian groups; nice try. Convicts are just getting fed up with viciously long sentences, fewer chances for parole, and Nazi-type treatment by guards.

These three points I've just mentioned will continue to be the main reason for further outbreaks of violence and destruction in future. Of this, there is no doubt . . . If these prisons are as good as the guards would have you believe, why are hundreds of guys risking life and limb to tear and burn them down? I've given you three good reasons.

As to the demand by the guards to not honor the agreement made at the end of the B.C. riot, it reminds me of something once said by the Communist leader, Lenin: "Promises are like pie crusts, they are made to be broken."

Alan Dunn

Dorchester, N.B.

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Attitudes ..... Daryle Johnston

There exists, in Stony Mountain, an attitude that will eventually destroy the thin fabric that presently binds them together. This attitude will destroy whatever they have thus far accomplished in the past years, and destroy any chance they may have of improving the situation in the future. This attitude, is the one that says, "I don't care what is happening, unless it's something that I like. Along with this attitude is another that says, "No matter how hard people try to do things, I'll never be satisfied."

Inmates are constantly questioning their committee. They are always saying that they aren't getting satisfaction. Everyone wants to complain about what is happening or what isn't happening. Yet, none of those doing the crying ever have any suggestions when they are asked for them. None of these people run for committee at election time. None of these people do anything other than cry about what isn't happening.

From persoal experience, as Entertainment Committee chairman, I know that it is difficult to get anything done. It is difficult to get the administration to try anything new. It is rough when you try to change old attitudes and when you try to convince someone of something that they're opposed to.

However, the committee, and the sub-committees, are constantly attempting to do just that; all on behalf of the inmate populace. We are always fighting for things. We are asking questions. We are attempting to change attitudes with reason and organization.

Lately, this is becoming harder and harder to do. There is a definite reason for this. The inmates simply don't want to help, or are not willing to help. If something is done, despite the opposition by certain persons in the administration, then the inmates say it just isn't good enough. If something can not be done, then the inmates say that you are not doing your job. Thus, anyone on the committee is subject to double jeopardy because the administration doesn't want the status quo upset and the inmates don't think you are working for them.

The fact is, that many people who are capable of doing a good job won't come forward for exactly that reason. They won't put themselves in a position where they are subject to foolish games. They don't want to be placed in the middle. I don't blame them.

When the populace of this prison decide that they are going to mature, to act their ages and intelligences, then things will begin to happen around this prison. Until that time, the administration will not allow credibility to be extended to the population; nor will they grant a number of things that the committee has asked for in the past few months.

Let's get with it guys. We have to live here and there are many who will follow us. There are things you want. Write them down and give them to the committee. After that, exercise patience and things will be done. Don't run around crying about what's happening, either, unless you are prepared to jump in and help change it.

In other words, GET IT TOGETHER!

Hidden Urges

Albert Brookmire

Since people have been around, "hidden urges" have prevailed. An urge is a compulsion, a desire, an impulse. To the public we all project images and to ourselves we all have "hidden urges". These urges are often contrary to our everyday actions. Others, if upon seeing us act out these hidden urges, would often be shocked and almost always surprised. The common reply that would be heard is, "I never thought that person would do such a thing." The "hidden urges" that I'm going to reveal are pertaining to people who are in the everyday news. While these findings may shock you, you can rest assured that they are factual - you see, one of the few benefits one gets from being incarcerated is that you always get the "inside news".

Joe Clark:to accept the offer he's received from Sesame Street.

Patty Hearst:upon release,to spend her first night making love in a closet.

Marie Osmond:in the middle of her TV show to burp in Donny's face.

Bobby Clarke:to fight back.

Richard Nixon:to look people straight in the face.

Bachman Turner Overdrive:to appear again at the Winnipeg Arena.

Jack Matheson:buy season tickets for Montreal Canadians games.

Billy Graham:to join the "Moonies"

Anthony Davis:carry the football.

Jimmy Carter:to quit brushing his teeth.

Germaine Greer:to use the ladies washroom.

Ed Broadbent:to make friends.

Bobby Orr:to play a bad game.

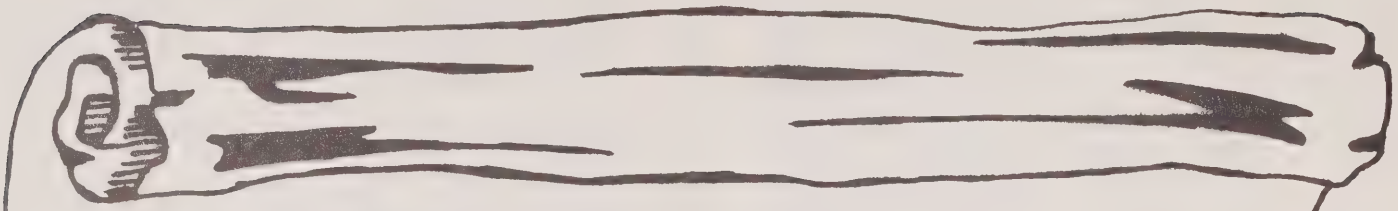
Pierre Trudeau:on his next vacation, to visit Canada.

Andy Warhol:to be a full-time editor for the "War Cry".

Ken Dryden:to vote against biling-ualism.

Neil Young:to tell the public that he's from Manitoba.

In closing I would like to say that it's easy to to talk of other people's "hidden urges", but how about my own?Isn't that really one of the steps one must take in their approach for completeness? So what I'm about to say will not come easy, but then honesty never has. By saying this I'm well aware that I may lose whatever authenticity that I've acquired here at Stony.But,at least now the fellows will realize that while I may smile alot, I also carry a heavy burden- you see - my "hidden urge" has been with me since 1966 - "I want to be watching the game where Mr. Orr plays bad.



TO ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS

That moment alone
The safety valve has regained it's poise
Cryingly, you speak to yourself
And thank God you can
Love,it's just a shut-off
And wishes keep me alive
Will the others ever understand
This setting was not my request
I wish for the understanding
That only you could give
The understanding that
I really want to live!

A.E. Brookmire

BEING YOURSELF

Could we evolve
And merge into the why?
Questions cease,
Answers arrive
And forever is right now.

Critics will lose their sting
For inward sight is now alive
And looking within
Makes outside scenes obscure.

How often we search for truth
And book after book is scanned
In quest for truth
Always remember,
That truth from someone else
Can be taken by that someone,
And if truth can be bartered
Is it worth it's time?

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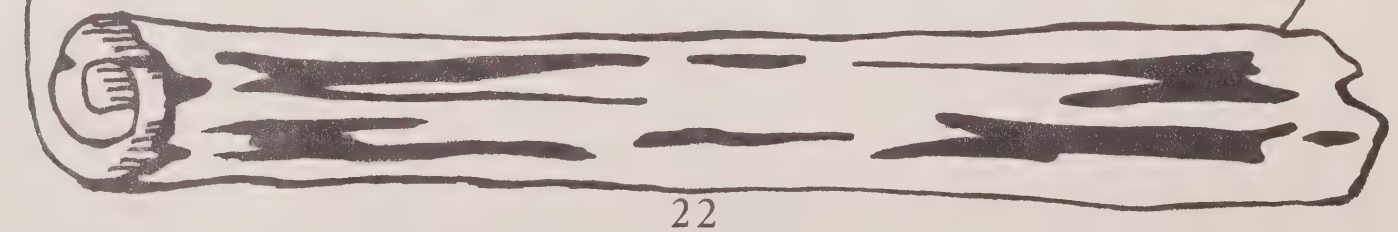
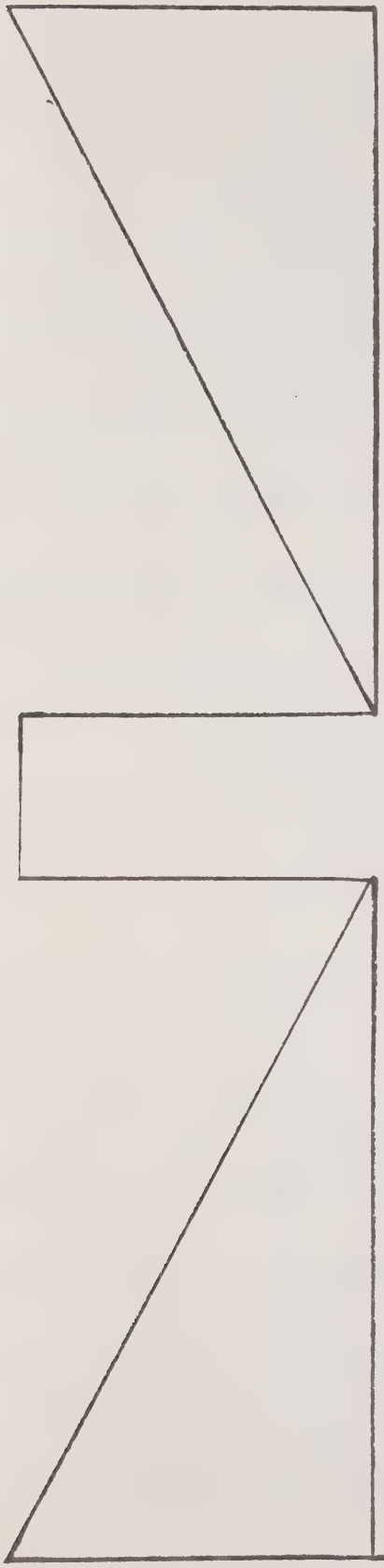


PROCESSION ..... James Wilkie



My mind awakes,
from its burdened path.
To find a shere;
devoid of knowledge
adverted
by popular belief.
Enlayed
by self hate,
an enthralled trial of mystical wisdom,
sprouting only unto the seed.
A laziness..... so tensely strung-
as to have removed the melody.
Is it better to sleep
than to be tampered on
by insanities?

Craters come!!!!
Mountains formed !!!!
Wisdom diminishes !!!!!
mechanically
mechanically
mechanically
mechanically
mechanically
mechanically
mechanically
mechanically
mechanically
Reroute....
Remove....
Undo....
Rechart....
Man's obstinate destiny.
Envision;
a perfect peace,
so totally alienated--------from now!

Grab
Grab that/second hand of geological time
and ride it back:
back to the start
and then begin,
only then, do I make sense.

Belief, Begins---
Balance - Withstands----
Emotions, alter states----
Knowledge - is impeccable----
But each as a singular unit,

DESTROY.

God Created Love

I touch my favorite photograph;
The moisture on your lips;
A tousled lock of goddess hair;
My heart, it tears and rips.

I pray tonight, I cried today;
Am I so very bad?
Why is it men who hold my chains,
Laugh when I feel sad?

I lift the image of your face;
And think of days gone by;
The tender touch your lips to mine;
I never wonder why;
God created love.

Perhaps I seem an evil man;
But not within my heart;
The evil men are those who say;
That we must stay apart.

But then you say we should forgive;
And naturally, you're right!
To hate a man, any man;
Extinguishes God's light.

You look into my eyes and smile;
And say the past is dead;
With all the foolish things I've done;
You say to look ahead.

But then the road that lies beyond;
May carry you away;
If men who hate the love we share;
Can ever have their way.

I think about their little scheme;
And wonder what I'd do?
If they should win this ugly war;
And rip our love in two?

I think that I would cry a bit;
Through autumn, spring and snow;
But in the end, the love you gave;
Would always let me know;
God created love!

Michael Saint - R.S.

Prison

Prison, a negative society,
realty the rule.
Prison, a fore closed categorized
multitude of a distinct class.
Prison, a loss so deep it is
magnified a dozen fold.
Prison, a one dimentional path
with no outline or positive ends.
Prison, the ultimate force of
man's justice to himself.
Prison, a Circus of Horrors.

George Musack

He is quick thinking in clear images
I am slow, thinking in broken images.

He becomes dull, trusting to his
clear images
I become sharp, mistrusting my
broken images.

Trusting his images, he assumes their
relevance
Mistrusting my images, I question
their relevance.

Assuming their relevance, he assumes
the fact
Questioning their relevance, I question
the fact.

When the fact fails him, he questions
his senses
When the fact fails me, I approve my
senses.

He continues quick and dull in his
clear images
I continue slow and sharp in my
broken images.

He, in a new confusion of his
understanding
I, in a new understanding of my
confusion.

Anonymous

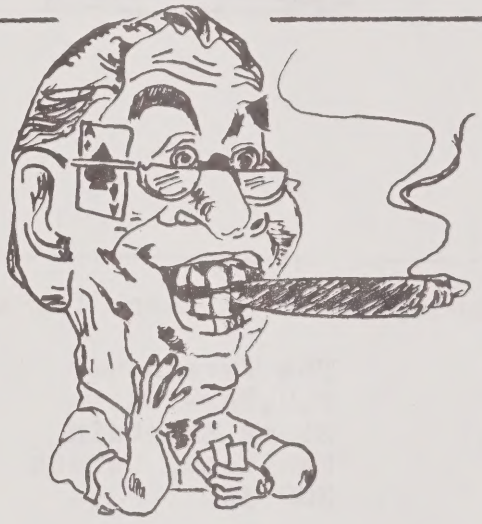
Frozen Animation

..... BoB Sango

It not only seems that once a person is incarcerated he not only loses his rights, but his freedom of speech as well.

Many times we have asked for an increase in pay; and each time refused. I believe that this Penitentiary is one of the lowest paying across Canada. It was once discussed by the top brass in Ottawa about giving us minimum wage depending on the type of job each inmate was qualified for. Again, that decision, to the best of my knowledge, is in Frozen Animation. I guess our bark isn't as loud as our bite, so we were once again forgotten about. Each month something on the inmates' canteen list has gone up in price, whether it's only a nickel or a dime, that is alot when you consider a inmate on grade one only making 50¢ a day plus deductions each month. It makes me sick to see how much we inmates produce in industrial shops each and every year to support our government. "How about giving us a little support for a change". "I wonder who the crooks really are?"

AMERICAN BRIDGE CONTRACT LEAGUE



Ever since the emergence of the ACBL in here (under the co-ordination of Mrs. Doris McClure) there have been many people who have participated in this enjoyable pass-time; unfortunately some for longer periods than others.

In this period of time there have been several people who have been acknowledged as being good bridge players.To prove that these statements are justified, these people have become Jr.Champions and awarded their Jr.Champ cards. They are, Victor Dzawa, Emile Clement and James Wilkie.

The ACBL is a franchised bridge club from national headquarters in Memphis Tennessee. We meet every Wednesday night at 6:45p.m. at the new reception centre, so if anyone is interested, just drop in with yourself or a partner.

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